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SUMMARY. AHRAH DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, RECENTLY RETURNED
FROM U.S., WRITES THAT U.S. DETERMINED (A) NOT TO GIVE
ISRAEL CHANCE TO "FREEZE SITUATION" AND (B) ACTIVATE
PEACE PROCESS REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF ISRAEL'S ANSWERS
TO U.S. QUESTIONS. U.S. "WAS EXPECTING" ANSWERS TO BE
"AMBIGUOUS", THUS U.S. RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING COURSE
OF NEGOTIATIONS TO PREVENT STALEMATE. FUAD PAINTS
POSITIVE PICTURE OF U.S. STAND. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JUNE 19 COMMENTARY AHRAH DIPLOMATIC EDITOR HAMDI
FUAD CONCLUDES FROM HIS RECENT U.S. VISIT THAT U.S.
WISHES TO MAKE FULL USE OF SADAT INITIATIVE AND OUT OF
SOLICITUDE FOR U.S. INTERESTS AND WITH "MODERATE ARAB
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REGIMES", U.S. DETERMINED NOT "LET OPPORTUNITY SLIP OUT
OF ITS HAND". FUAD CLAIMS CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI TOLD HIM
THAT WHEN U.S. INTERESTS INVOLVED PRESSURE GROUPS "CAN-
NOT FORCE CONGRESS TO TAKE CONTRARY DECISION". FURTHER,
U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE ISRAEL OPPORTUNITY TO FREEZE
SITUATION OR RENDER PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE.

2. ISRAELI ANSWERS. FUAD CITES "SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS" THAT U.S. IS FOR ACTIVATION OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ISRAEL'S ANSWERS POSITIVE, NEGATIVE OR AMBIGUOUS". U.S. WAS EXPECTING ISRAELI REPLY TO BE "AMBIGUOUS" AND FUAD CONCLUDES THAT "THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAPPING OUT A COURSE OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS LEST THE ISRAELI REJECTION LEAD TO A STALEMATE OR REJECTION OF THE CHANCES FOR PEACE."

3. WITHDRAWAL. FUAD REFERS TO SAUNDERS' STATEMENT AND SAYS AMERICA BELIEVES PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS, IN A MANNER TO BE AGREED UPON, MUST TAKE PLACE AT A FUTURE STAGE. HE ADDS U.S. VIEWS SADAT'S PROPOSAL (MASHRUA) FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AS "A GOOD BASIS FOR TALKS" AND THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSING PLAN IN DETAIL.

4. OIL. U.S. CONSIDERS ISRAEL'S EXPLOITATION OF PETROLEUM IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW. U.S. BACKS EGYPT'S STAND "UNRESERVEDLY" AND HAS ALREADY SUPPORTED IT THROUGH UNGA RESOLUTION OF 1976.

5. GAMASY. FUAD CLAIMS PRESIDENT CARTER ASSURED GAMASY THAT U.S. WILL NOT PERMIT ISRAEL TO FREEZE SITUATION AND ASKED HIM TO INFORM SADAT THAT HE WOULD NOT LET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPORTUNITY OF INITIATIVE BE WASTED. FUAD CONCLUDES THAT GAMASY VISIT AFFIRMS THAT EGYPT'S FRIENDS IN DOD ARE INCREASING.

6. COMMENT. FUAD PAINTS VERY POSITIVE PICTURE OF U.S. STAND IN ARTICLE THAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN IN THE EXPECTATION THAT ISRAELI ANSWERS WOULD NOT BE POSITIVE AND THAT IT IS U.S. WHICH MUST SALVAGE THE SITUATION. EILTS

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